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THE HOLIDAYS.

"Christmas comes but once a year," is an acclamation often heard at this season. Sometimes it is used as palliation of questionable moral conduct. The boozy fellow, as well as the giddy girl, has frequently found consolation in the saying. Yet they could as easily make the same remark about any other day of the year. We believe in being glad, even frolicsome, during the holidays, if such is unaccompanied by unchristian behavior. What is wrong from a Christian standpoint is wrong on any day. And, withal, if Christmas has any significance at all, it is that of honor and devotion to him whose anniversary we celebrate. Of course it is a day of charity for the shortcomings of our fellows; but he who argues that it is a time for him to be charitable toward his own sins defeats the object of the glad day of days. Let every one, consequently, act as Christianly during Christmas, and a little more so, as he would ordinarily do.

We feel, however, not so much in the mood of delivering a homily on Christian morals now, as to wish for every reader of the STAR a glad, joyous time during these holidays. The past, notwithstanding its trials for many of us, has been fuller of blessing than of sorrow. And the best of all rights to be happy exists in the fact that Christ is ours. In this, the greatest of gifts, we recognize Him who taught us to leave off thought of our own misfortunes and become enveloped in that highest and best of all happiness, namely, doing for others. Before we think of administering to our own bodies, therefore, let every Christian make a gift to Him and His work. Let us see His needs in the needs of the poor and His joy in their joy.

The old reliable F. C. & P. railway is doing quite a rushing holiday business. The STAR reporter came from Tampa last night over this popular line of travel, and the coaches were all crowded. Conductor Hunt was in charge of the train. He is one of the most accommodating conductors in the state. The road is in splendid condition and one is glided along at the rate of forty miles an hour without a jostle or fear of accident. It is said that there has never been a serious accident to any of the passenger trains on the entire F. C. & P. system. Call on John Dozier, the Ocala agent, for holiday rates.

The Covenant Building and Loan association will pay you 8 per cent for the use of your money, or loan you theirs at 6 per cent. Which do you prefer? M. M. Little will explain to you.

Rev. J. C. Porter returned last night from an extended tour in South Florida, in the course of which he visited the Methodist conference at Orlando and went from there to Tampa, doing good work on the way for his paper, the Baptist Witness.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year TO ALL.

OCALA HOUSE OPEN

The Ocala house dining room opened last night and supper was served to the guests of the hotel. Although the work on the hotel is not completed, the house is now receiving guests, but the formal opening will not take place for some days. Under the able management of Mr. Brown, this famous hostelry will no doubt win more than its old-time popularity.

Rev. J. P. Hilburn returned from the Orlando conference last night. The STAR rejoices with the Methodist church and the people in general that Mr. Hilburn has been returned to Ocala for another year. He is wide awake and always ready for every good work. His genial disposition and unswerving devotion to duty have won for him the love and respect of our entire community. The STAR bids him a hearty Godspeed in his great and good work for the coming year.

Cheap Rates via Plant System to the Cotton States and International Exposition.—For the above occasion the Plant System will sell round trip tickets to Atlanta as follows: Round trip to Atlanta on sale daily for \$18.55, good until January 7, 1896; on sale daily \$13.60, good twenty days from date of sale; on sale Tuesdays and Thursdays \$9.90, good ten days from date of sale. For the quickest time to Atlanta and all other points call on C. F. Faires, city ticket agent, Ocala House, or F. J. Huber, ticket agent, Florida Southern depot.

Cheap Rates via Plant System.—On Dec. 16 and 17 will sell tickets to Live Oak for one and a quarter fare for the round trip.

On Dec. 17, 18 and 19 will sell tickets to Orlando for 1-4 fare for the round trip.

The holiday rates go into effect Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 and 31 and Jan. 1 at one fare for the round trip with limit to Jan. 3, 1896.

Low Rates to Jacksonville by Plant System.—On Dec. 17 and 18 will sell round trip tickets to Jacksonville for \$3.90, limited to Dec. 21, 1895. For tickets call on F. J. Huber, ticket agent, passenger depot, or C. F. Faires, city ticket agent, Ocala house.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the directors of the People's Building, Loan and Investment Association of Florida will meet in the city of Ocala Jan. 6, 1896, at the office of the secretary. GEO. H. MAY, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

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A suite of two elegant rooms and a bathroom; can be had furnished or unfurnished. Terms low. Location best in city. Address P. O. box 243. 17 3

Additional Locals.

Mrs. Edward Hiller received the sad news Sunday evening of the death of her father in Cumberland, Md.

Send your carpets to the Ocala Steam Laundry and have them cleaned, which is cheaper than to buy new ones.

In sorting out the mail yesterday in the post office an old sock was found. What does it mean and where does it come from?

You'll call them a handsome pair—that Umbrella with Walking Cane to match. You can get them at Rowell's.

Stern Father—I saw you kiss my daughter as I passed the parlor a while ago, and I want you to know I don't like it. Young man—You don't? Well, I do.

We like to forget to tell you these Patent Calf "Juliets" at Rowell's are the cutest things you can get for the baby.

L. A. Levy, Florida agent of the firm of Apple & Chaul of Savannah, has the distinction of being the first person to dine at the table of the new Ocala House.

Richardson's stable will furnish you the nicest rigs in the city at living prices. Call on him. Main street, north of square.

Last Friday two sailors fell from the mast of a vessel in the harbor at Port Tampa seventy feet to the deck. One was comparatively uninjured, but it is thought the other will die.

Portraits in all styles, and photographs from the card came to life size, at Gottlieb's. Studio opposite Montezuma Hotel.

Rev. J. P. Hilburn has been returned to the Ocala pastorate for another year. We congratulate the Methodist church on securing this able minister's services for another year.

Do not fail to see "Santa Claus and Mother Goose" at the Witness hall Christmas day evening at 7 o'clock. Entrance fee of 10 cents to defray expenses.

Dr. James Chace has returned from Atlanta, where he lectured before the Atlanta Dental College. The college fully appreciated Dr. Chace's well known abilities and insisted on his addressing the college both in the morning and evening sessions, which kept the doctor before the school most of the day.

\$16,500.37 paid to 44 members by the National Protective Legion on Oct. 16, 1895. Their coupons having matured for the first five years period, They Won While Living.

The following parties left today for Atlanta via the Plant System to spend the holidays: Simon Benjamin, Wm. Fox, H. L. Swatts, M. J. Brown, J. Bogenholt, Miss Maria Pasteur, Mr. Lang and family, Mrs. L. Compton, J. E. Brinson, Mr. Piercon and wife, J. Godrich and J. C. Freeman.

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